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Abstract: We study the necessary and sufficient topological conditions for general Calabi-Yaus to get a non-supersymmetric AdS exponentially large volume minimum of the scalar potential in flux compactifications of IIB string theory. It turns out that string loop corrections play a crucial role to realise exponentially large volume minima for fibration Calabi-Yaus and to stabilise 4-cycles which support chiral matter. The robustness of these results is due to the 'extended no-scale structure': for arbitrary Calabi-Yaus, the leading contribution of these corrections to the scalar potential is always vanishing. We use the Coleman-Weinberg potential to motivate this cancellation from the viewpoint of low-energy field theory.

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LARGE Volume

- Fix T moduli in a natural way
- Set $W_0 \sim 1-10$ and $V \sim \exp(\alpha_i \tau_i)$
- ➔ α' and non-perturbative corrections compete naturally to give an exponentially large volume AdS minimum that breaks SUSY
- Need to up-lift to dS (anti-D3, D-terms, F-terms, non-perturbative α' corr.)
- Simplest realisation of LVS: $CP^4_{[1,1,1,6,9]}$ with $h_{11}=2$

$$V = \frac{1}{9\sqrt{2}} \left(\tau_5^{\frac{3}{2}} - \tau_1^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \quad \tau_1 \propto \xi^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle V \rangle \propto W_0 e^{\frac{a_1 \tau_1}{g_s}}.$$

- Generalisation: Swiss-cheese CY (F_{11} , $CP^4_{[1,3,3,3,5]}$, $CP^4_{[1,1,3,10,15]}$ for $h_{11}=3$)

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_{cs} - 2 \ln \left[\alpha \left(\tau_1^{3/2} - \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \tau_i^{3/2} \right) + \frac{\xi}{2} \right],$$

$$W = W_0 + \sum_{i=2}^n A_i e^{-a_i \tau_i},$$



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Mass scales

The mass scales present are: (for $V \sim 10^{15} \ell_s^6$)

- Planck scale: $M_P = 2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$.
- String scale: $M_S = \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{V}} \sim 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$.
- KK scale $M_{KK} = \frac{M_P}{V^{2/3}} \sim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$.
- Gravitino mass $m_{3/2} = \frac{M_P}{V} \sim 30 \text{ TeV}$.
- Small Kähler moduli
 $m_{\tau_s} \sim m_{3/2} \ln(M_P/m_{3/2}) \sim 1000 \text{ TeV}$.
- Complex structure moduli $m_U \sim m_{3/2} \sim 30 \text{ TeV}$.
- Soft terms $m_{susy} \sim \frac{m_{3/2}}{\ln(M_P/m_{3/2})} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$.
- Volume modulus $m_{\tau_b} \sim \frac{M_P}{V^{3/2}} \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$.

NB No FCNC!

NB Get a robust effective field theory and generate hierarchies
(axionic, weak and neutrino scale)!!!

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LARGE Volume Claim

Let X be an arbitrary CY and take the following large volume limit

$$\begin{cases} \tau_j \text{ remains small, } \forall j = 1, \dots, N_{small}, \\ \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } \tau_j \rightarrow \infty, \forall j = N_{small} + 1, \dots, h_{1,1}(X). \end{cases}$$

Form of K and W - **neglect string loop corrections at this point!**


$$\begin{cases} K = K_{cs} - 2 \ln(\mathcal{V} + \xi), \\ W = W_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{small}} A_j e^{-a_j T_j}. \end{cases}$$

 there is an AdS **non-supersymmetric** minimum at $\mathcal{V} \sim e^{a_j \tau_j} \forall j = 1, \dots, N_{small}$ **IFF**

i) $h_{12} > h_{11} > 1$  $\xi > 0$

ii) τ_j is a blow-up mode (point-like singularity) $\forall j = 1, \dots, N_{small}$

non-perturbative superpotential guaranteed since the cycle is rigid!

- N_{small} blow-up modes fixed by non-perturbative effects, \mathcal{V} by α' corrections + W_{np}
- There are still $L = (h_{11} - N_{small} - 1)$ moduli which are sent large (e.g. fibration moduli)
 -  their non-perturbative corrections are switched off
- Get L flat directions!

• Pirsa: 09060157 These directions are usually lifted by string loop corrections

 L moduli lighter than the volume!

String Loop Corrections to K

- Explicit calculation known only for unfluxed toroidal orientifolds as $N=1$ $T^6 / (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ (BHK)

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Low Energy Approach

- The reduced DBI action contains a term like

$$\delta S_{DBI} \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} \tau F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

- Expand τ around its VEV

$$\tau = \langle \tau \rangle + \tau'. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \delta S_{DBI} \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} (\langle \tau \rangle F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \tau' F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu})$$

- Read off the gauge coupling $g^2 = \frac{1}{M_s^4 \tau}$

- Loop corrected kinetic terms

$$S_{Einstein} \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 (K_{tree})}{\partial \tau^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (\delta K_{(gs)}^{KK})}{\partial \tau^2} \right) (\partial \tau)^2$$

- Analogy with charged scalar fields

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + A) \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi, \quad A \simeq \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\partial^2 (\delta K_{(gs)}^{KK})}{\partial \tau^2} \sim \frac{f(\text{Re}(S))}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\partial^2 (K_{tree})}{\partial \tau^2}$$

Example: $\mathbb{CP}^4_{[1,1,1,6,9]}$


- Match the conjecture for $N=1$ $T^6/(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$
- Loop corrections from the conjecture for $\mathbb{CP}^4_{[1,1,1,6,9]}$

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NB Loops are leading with respect to the α' corrections!

Low Energy Interpretation: $\frac{\partial^2 (K_{tree})}{\partial \tau_4^2} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\tau_4} \mathcal{V}}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 (K_{tree})}{\partial \tau_5^2} \simeq \frac{1}{\tau_5^2}.$

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- Match the conjecture also for $\mathbb{CP}^4_{[1,1,2,2,6]}$

Extended No-scale Structure

Let X be a Calabi-Yau three-fold and consider type IIB $N = 1$ 4D SUGRA where the Kähler potential and the superpotential in the Einstein frame take the form:

$$\begin{cases} K = K_{tree} + \delta K, \\ W = W_0. \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

If and only if the loop correction δK to K is a homogeneous function in the 2-cycles volumes of degree $n = -2$, then at leading order

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General formula for the 1 loop corrections to V

$$\delta V_2 = \left(K_0^{ij} \delta K_i \delta K_j - 2K_0^{im} \delta K_{ml} K_0^{lj} K_i^0 \delta K_j + K_0^{im} \delta K_{mp} K_0^{pq} \delta K_{ql} K_0^{lj} K_i^0 K_j^0 \right) \frac{|W|^2}{\mathcal{V}^2}$$

Homogeneity allows us to simplify it to:

$$\delta V_{(g_s), 1loop} = \sum_i \left(\frac{(C_i^{KK})^2}{\text{Re}(S)^2} K_{ii}^0 - 2\delta K_{(g_s), \tau_i}^W \right) \frac{W_0^2}{\mathcal{V}^2}$$

NB Everything in terms of K_{ij} and δK^W !!!

$$\delta V_{(g_s), 1loop}^{KK} = \sum_{i=1}^{h_{1,1}} \left(0 \cdot \frac{(C_i^{KK})}{\text{Re}(S)} K_i^0 + \frac{(C_i^{KK})^2}{\text{Re}(S)^2} K_{ii}^0 + \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{(C_i^{KK})^3}{\text{Re}(S)^3} \right) \right) \frac{W_0^2}{\mathcal{V}^2}$$

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Extended No-scale Structure

Let X be a Calabi-Yau three-fold and consider type IIB $N = 1$ 4D SUGRA where the Kähler potential and the superpotential in the Einstein frame take the form:

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If and only if the loop correction δK to K is a homogeneous function in the 2-cycles volumes of degree $n = -2$, then at leading order

$$\delta V_{(g_s)} = 0. \quad (4.2)$$

Proof: Expand K^{-1} and use homogeneity! $\delta V_{(g_s)} = V_0 + \varepsilon \delta V_1 + \varepsilon^2 \delta V_2 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3)$

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Field Theory Interpretation

- Use the Coleman-Weinberg Potential

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where $\text{STr} (M^0) = 0$ due to SUSY

 SUSY is the physical explanation for the extended no-scale structure!

- Single modulus example

$$\mathcal{V} = \tau^{3/2}$$

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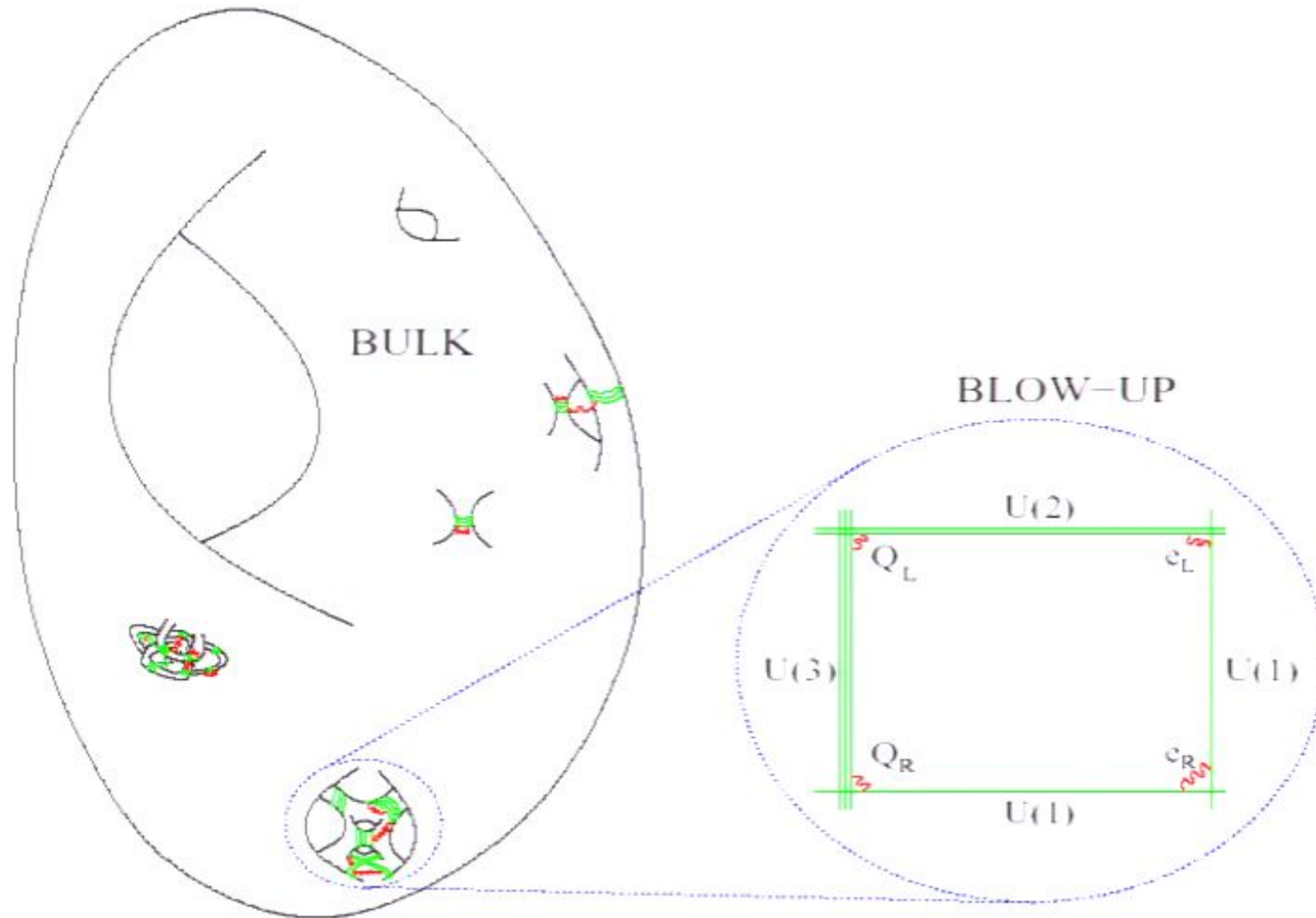
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The Standard Model in the CY

- SM on a small cycle as $g^2=1/\tau_{SM}$



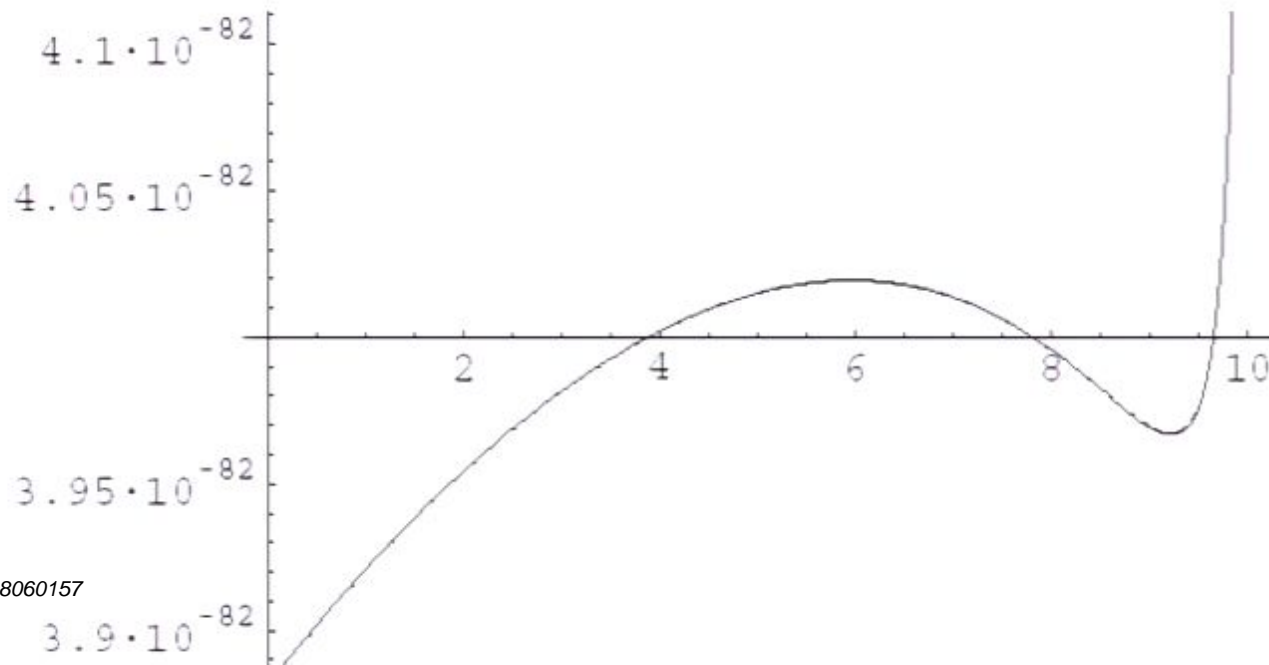
- BUT τ_{SM} cannot have any non-perturbative superpotential!

Example 1: SM cycle fixed by loops

- Solution: fix τ_{SM} via string loops
- $CP^4_{[1,3,3,3,5]}$ for $h_{11}=3$

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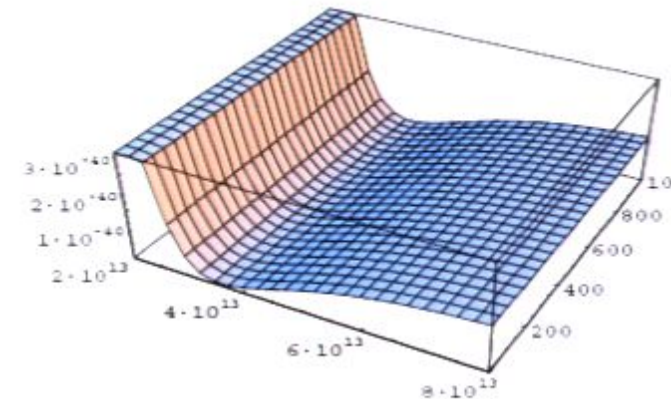
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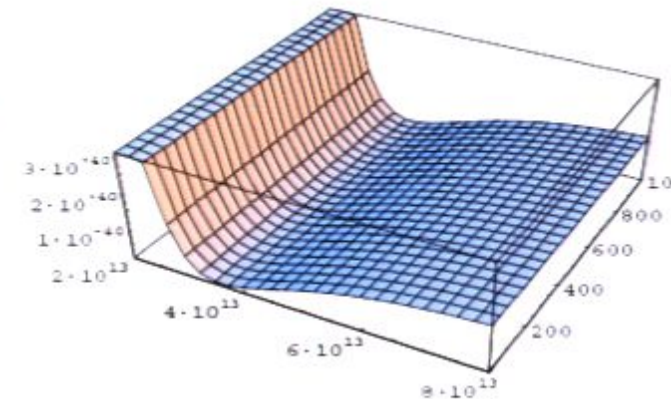
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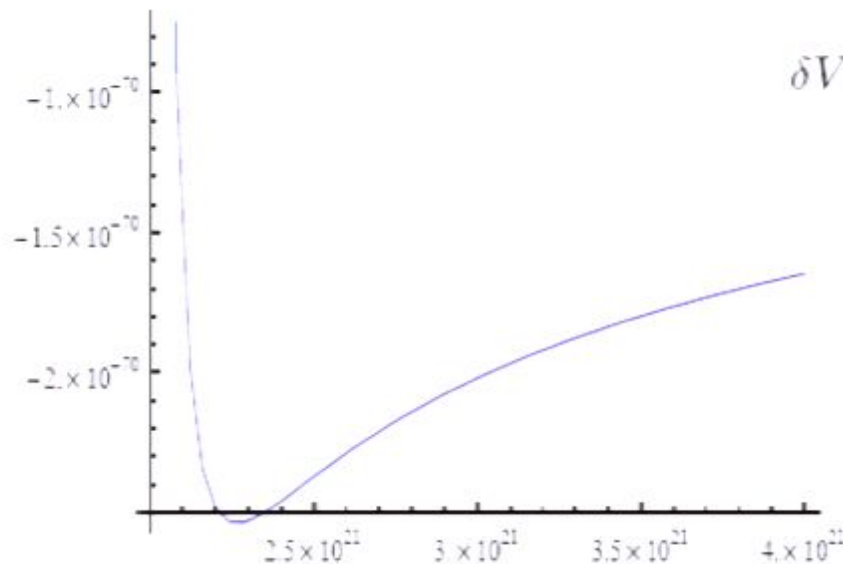
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→
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 NB $A>0, D>0$!!!

- Loop corrections for $A=1, C=-20, D=2/9$



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NO D7 wrapping τ_1 → NO minimum

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- Explicit calculation known only for unfluxed toroidal orientifolds as $N=1$ $T^6 / (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ (BHK)

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is due to the exchange of KK strings between D7s and D3s and

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is due to the exchange of Winding strings between intersecting D7s

NB Complicated dependence on the U moduli BUT simple dependence on the T moduli!

LARGE Volume Claim

Let X be an arbitrary CY and take the following large volume limit

$$\begin{cases} \tau_j \text{ remains small, } \forall j = 1, \dots, N_{small}, \\ \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } \tau_j \rightarrow \infty, \forall j = N_{small} + 1, \dots, h_{1,1}(X). \end{cases}$$

Form of K and W - **neglect string loop corrections at this point!**


$$\begin{cases} K = K_{cs} - 2 \ln(\mathcal{V} + \xi), \\ W = W_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{small}} A_j e^{-a_j T_j}. \end{cases}$$

 there is an AdS **non-supersymmetric** minimum at $\mathcal{V} \sim e^{a_j \tau_j} \forall j = 1, \dots, N_{small}$ **IFF**

i) $h_{12} > h_{11} > 1$  $\xi > 0$

ii) τ_j is a blow-up mode (point-like singularity) $\forall j = 1, \dots, N_{small}$

non-perturbative superpotential guaranteed since the cycle is rigid!

- N_{small} blow-up modes fixed by non-perturbative effects, \mathcal{V} by α' corrections + W_{np}
- There are still $L = (h_{11} - N_{small} - 1)$ moduli which are sent large (e.g. fibration moduli)
 -  their non-perturbative corrections are switched off
- Get L flat directions!

• Pirsa: 09060157 These directions are usually lifted by string loop corrections

 L moduli lighter than the volume!

String Loop Corrections to K

- Explicit calculation known only for unfluxed toroidal orientifolds as $N=1$ $T^6 / (\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ (BHK)

$$\delta K_{(g_s)} = \delta K_{(g_s)}^{KK} + \delta K_{(g_s)}^W,$$

where

$$\delta K_{(g_s)}^{KK} = -\frac{1}{128\pi^4} \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\mathcal{E}_i^{KK}(U, \bar{U})}{\text{Re}(S) \tau_i}$$

is due to the exchange of KK strings between D7s and D3s and

$$\delta K_{(g_s)}^W = -\frac{1}{128\pi^4} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k=1}^3 \frac{\mathcal{E}_i^W(U, \bar{U})}{\tau_j \tau_k}$$

is due to the exchange of Winding strings between intersecting D7s

NB Complicated dependence on the U moduli BUT simple dependence on the T moduli!

Generalisation to CY

- Generalisation to Calabi-Yau three-folds (BHP)

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or $g(U, T, S)$ goes as $m_W^{-2} \sim t^{-1}$

In fact for $T^6/(Z_2 \times Z_2)$

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Low Energy Approach

- The reduced DBI action contains a term like

$$\delta S_{DBI} \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} \tau F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

- Expand τ around its VEV

$$\tau = \langle \tau \rangle + \tau'. \quad \longrightarrow \quad \delta S_{DBI} \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} (\langle \tau \rangle F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \tau' F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu})$$

- Read off the gauge coupling $g^2 = \frac{1}{M_s^4 \tau}$

- Loop corrected kinetic terms

$$S_{Einstein} \supset \int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} \left(\frac{\partial^2 (K_{tree})}{\partial \tau^2} + \frac{\partial^2 (\delta K_{(gs)}^{KKK})}{\partial \tau^2} \right) (\partial \tau)^2$$

- Analogy with charged scalar fields

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g^{(4)}} \frac{1}{2} (1 + A) \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi, \quad A \simeq \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{\partial^2 (\delta K_{(gs)}^{KKK})}{\partial \tau^2} \sim \frac{f(\text{Re}(S))}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\partial^2 (K_{tree})}{\partial \tau^2}$$